

Eye Chat Weekly.

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Welcome to this week's quick update, bringing you news, views and useful information. Contact Jo or Jill in the office if you have an article to share, or email admin@buryblindsociety.org

News:

Bury Line Travel Update

Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 September: there will be no trams between Crumpsall and Bury due to planned works. Please check your journey before travelling and allow extra time.

How easy is it to find health and social care information in Bury?

If you've ever struggled to find the right information, or have ideas about how things could be improved, this is your chance to have your say. Bury Council has put together a short survey, and we've included the link in the main body of this email so it's easy to take part.

Calling all Skipton Building Society customers – From 7th September, you can vote for us at the Bury branch as part of their Community Giving token scheme, which includes a cash prize. We'd really appreciate your support.

Coming Up:

Volunteers' Coffee Morning: Join us this Wednesday 9th September from 10am for an update from Carl on the various opportunities. Be warned... Jill is already looking for 'Christmas Volunteers' — can you believe it? From wrappers and elves to markets and collectors, all will be revealed on Wednesday!

Bury Town Hall Tour: Monday 14th September: This month, our 'Craft session' is a tour! We're heading across the road to learn more about the history of our very own Town Hall. Trevor Holt will be our knowledgeable tour guide. The session will also include a Registrar Talk, looking at records dating back to the 1830s, a visit to the Council Chamber, and refreshments in the Mayor's Parlour. Please book with reception.

Throughout September, we are promoting our sports-themed events. Nothing too strenuous — just something to get us all moving. Why not join in with some of the activities?

Our 10-pin bowling group is back after the summer break, meeting at Hollywood Bowling at 11am on Tuesdays. Sessions are subsidised at just

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£2 per game. Please book your place by Monday so we can arrange enough sighted support. Every Wednesday morning, Carole and Mags will lead a 10-minute chair-based Tai Chi session, followed by a brew. You are also welcome to join the Showdown sessions on Monday and Thursday evenings with Kara and Louise. Then, after Friday lunch at 1.30pm, join Jo and Jill for a gentle 10–15-minute walk and talk around the block.

Something a little more energetic, the **Bury 10K takes place on Sunday 20th September**. We are delighted that Peter and Michael are once again running to raise funds for BBS. You can show your support by sponsoring them via our website or the sponsor sheet in the Centre.

Weekly Activities in the Centre – 7th September – 11th September.

Monday:

- **9am – 12.30pm:** Calico drop in or make an appointment.
- **10am:** Monday Morning Drop In
- **1.30pm - 3pm:** Music Social with Mags
- **6pm – 8.30pm:** Showdown training

Tuesday: Centre closed, appointments only.

- **9am – 3pm:** Foot Clinic (Now Fortnightly)
- **11am:** Bowling is back at Hollywood Bowling after the summer break.

Wednesday: Centre open 10am–4pm

- **9am-3pm:** Low Vision Aid Clinic: appointment only.
- **10am – 12pm:** Gentle chair-based Tai Chi, followed by Volunteers' Coffee Morning.
- **2pm – 3.30pm:** Prestwich Group Meeting at CLC

Thursday: Centre open 10am–4pm

- **10.30am – 12.00pm:** Crossword Club
- **1.30pm – 3pm:** Age UK Bury Cluster Group: Gary's Quiz, with Gary in charge while Jane takes a well-deserved holiday!
- **6pm – 8.30pm:** Showdown open play.

Friday: Centre open 10am–4pm

- **Lunch Club: 11.30am – 2pm.** Pork escalope, roast potatoes, and broccoli, followed by rhubarb crumble and custard.
- **Walk & Talk: 1.30pm** – a gentle walk around the block with Jill and Joanne. **Please contact the Centre to book any BBS activities or to ask for further information.**